GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Public Services – WR Department - Lapses pointed in preparation of Revised Estimates for the works relating to modernization of Kavali canal taken up under EPC package No.94 - Disciplinary action initiated under Rule 21 of APCS (CCA) Rules, 1991 against Sri E.Ratnaiah, EE – Imposing a penalty of withholding of one increment with cumulative effect under Rule-9 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 – Orders - Issued.

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WATER RESOURCES (VIG.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 13 Dated: 07-01-2019

Read the following:

1. G.O.Rt.No.749, WR (Vig.III.1) Deptt, dt.30.11.2015.
2. WSD of the Charged Officer, dated.29.12.2015.
3. G.O.Rt.No.593, WR (Vig.III.1) Deptt., dt.23.08.2016.
4. From Dr. Prem Chand, IAS (Retd.), CoI, D.O.Lr.No.71/COI.P/2016, dt.24.10.2016
5. Govt., Memo No.20953/Vig.III.1/2013-6, dt.31.12. 2016.
6. From Sri E.Ratnaiah, EE, Explanation dt.07.03.2017.
7. LetterNo.20953/Vig.III-1/2013-8,dated.04.06.2018, addressed to the Secretary, APPSC, A.P., Vijayawada.
8. From the Secretary, APPSC, Letter No.379/DC&C/2018, dated.05.07.2018.

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ORDER:

It was brought to the notice of the Government that certain lapses were pointed out in preparation of Revised Estimates for the works relating to modernization of Kavali canal taken up under EPC package No.94, Somasila Project.

2. Therefore, Government have initiated disciplinary action against Sri E.Ratnaiah, EE and 2 others. Article of Charges were issued against Sri E.Ratnaiah, EE., Water Resources Dept., Kurnool vide G.O. 1 st read above, for the lapses pointed out i.e., for making a provision of Rs.6.00 crore towards decretal charges and claim of contractor in EPC package 94 of Kavali canal, in the revised estimate of Somasila Project and also to regularize the unauthorized ayacut of 50,000 acres under Kavali Canal without approval of Government and water allocation for the above ayacut. The Charged Officer has submitted his written statement of defence vide his letter 2nd read above.

3. In the ref.3rd read above, Dr. Prem Chand, IAS (Retd.)

Commissioner of Inquiries, General Administration (COI) Department, was appointed as Inquiry authority to conduct detailed Inquiry on the charges framed against Sri E.Ratnaiah, EE and 2 others. The Inquiry officer has submitted the inquiry report in the reference 4th read above and concluded that the charges framed against the Charged Officers are sustained and are held proved.

4. Government after careful examination of the inquiry report, have agreed with the findings of the inquiry officer and the Inquiry Report was communicated to the Charged Officer Sri E.Ratnaiah, EE vide reference 5th read above. The Charged Officer, Sri E.Ratnaiah, EE, has submitted his explanation vide reference 6th read above.

5. After examination of the explanation of the C.O., Government have provisionally decided to impose a penalty of withholding of one increment with cumulative effect on Sri E.Ratnaiah, E.E., for the lapses pointed in preparation of Revised Estimates for the works relating to modernization of Kavali canal taken up under EPC package No.94, as the explanation submitted by the C.O. was not convincing.

6. In the reference 7th read above, the APPSC was requested to place the proposal of the Government i.e., a penalty of withholding of one increment with cumulative effect against Sri E.Ratnaiah, EE before the Commission and to communicate their concurrence.

7. In the reference 8th read above, the APPSC has agreed with the proposal of the Government for imposing a penalty of withholding of one increment with cumulative effect against Sri E.Ratnaiah, E.E.

8. In view of the circumstances stated above, Government after careful examination of the matter, have decided, and hereby order to impose a penalty of withholding of one increment with cumulative effect against Sri E.Ratnaiah, E.E, under Rule 9 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991, for the above lapses pointed in preparation of Revised Estimates.

9. The Engineer-In-Chief (Admn.Wing),Water Resources Department, A.P., Vijayawada shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR, IAS
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri E.Ratnaiah, EE., through Engineer-In-Chief(A.W),
Water Resources Department, A.P., Vijayawada.
The Engineer-In-Chief (Admn.Wing),
Water Resources Department, A.P., Vijayawada.
Copy to:
The Accountant General, A.P., Hyderabad.

The Secretary, APPSC, A.P., Vijayawada.
The Secretary, APVC, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi.
The WR (Ser.II) Department.
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SECTION OFFICER